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SUBJECT: BOSTON-PANAMA (BP) CASE

REF: A. STATE 074566, B. STATE 115391

1. PURSUANT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTION, THE EMBASSY HAS EXPLORED THE POSSIBILITY OF ENLISTING THE SERVICES OF AN INDEPENDENT PANAMANIAN LAWYER TO ASSIST THE USG IN OBTAINING INFORMATION ON THE BOSTON-PANAMA (BP) CASE. WE DISCUSSED THIS FIRST WITH ATTORNEY CARLOS LOPEZ GUEVARA WHO SUGGESTED A NUMBER OF LOCAL ATTORNEYS, INCLUDING JOSE ANTONIO MOLINO, OF LAW FIRM JIMENEZ, MOLINO AND MORENO.

2. MOLINO IS A RETIRED SUPREME COURT JUSTICE AND A SPECIALIST IN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW. HE WAS PROVIDED WITH A COPY OF A MEMORANDUM ON BP CASE, PREPARED BY BP'S LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE, JACK HELLER, AND DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 1974. HE WAS ALSO ADVISED ABOUT THE TYPE OF QUESTIONS THE DEPARTMENT IS INTERESTED IN, DRAWN FROM REFTEL A.

3. AFTER STUDYING THE DOCUMENTATION AND CONSULTING WITH LOPEZ-GUEVARA, MOLINO TOLD US HE WOULD BE WILLING TO ASSIST THE EMBASSY/DEPARTMENT IN OBTAINING THE NECESSARY INFORMATION. HE INDICATED THAT THE CASE IS QUITE COMPLEX AND WILL INVOLVE NOT ONLY THE INTERPRETATION OF APPLICABLE
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PANAMANIAN LEGISLATION, BUT ALSO RESEARCH INTO VARIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN OVER THE YEARS IN CONNECTION WITH THE BP CASE. MOLINO POINTED OUT THAT THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS VARY IN MATTERS OF TAXATION AND THIS COULD HAVE A BEARING ON THE CASE. MOLINO ALSO SAID THAT ACCESS TO THE BP COMMISSION'S REPORT WOULD BE HELPFUL. (NOTE: MINISTER ROYO HAS BEEN IN EUROPE AND EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO

OBTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING THE STATUS OF THIS REPORT.)

4. MOLINO INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO UNDERTAKE THE BP CASE FOR A FEE OF DOLS 1000 WHICH WOULD INCLUDE BOTH LEGAL SERVICES AND RESEARCH COSTS. PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY IF DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE AS INDICATED IN REFTEL A. JORDEN

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